

**ARKANSAS PROFESSIONAL BAIL BOND COMPANY AND PROFESSIONAL
BAIL BONDSMAN LICENSING BOARD
May 12, 2006**

Chairman Don Smith called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Roll call was taken. The following members were present: Don Smith, Frank Sturgeon, Marc Oudin, Phyllis Carruth, Lynn Williams and Rex Morris. Eugene Reynolds was absent. Also present were Assistant Attorney General Don Barnes; Executive Director, Tommy Reed; Board staff and members of the audience.

Following a review of the Board Minutes for April 14, 2006 Mr. Oudin moved to approve the minutes as presented. Mr. Sturgeon seconded. The motion carried on unanimous voice vote.

OLD BUSINESS

Transfers/Suspensions/Reinstatements:

A report was provided for information purposes: Four transfer requests were submitted and granted during the month. There were four suspensions pursuant to notice from the company. Mr. Oudin noted the transfers were all from John Chism Bail Bonds and inquired as to the status of disciplinary matters concerning John Chism. Mr. Reed advised criminal charges of introducing prohibited items into a detention facility were pending and that no disciplinary action would be taken until the criminal matter was resolved. He noted the transfers were related to a transfer of ownership of the company.

Holt Bonding Co. and Bill's Bail Bonds were suspended for failure to pay forfeiture judgments. Mr. Reed noted he had cashed Bill's letter of credit and was in the process of cashing Holt's certificates of deposit. He noted each company had been given notice their licenses would be cancelled if the judgments were not satisfied and the security deposits replenished within ninety (90) day's of the date of suspension.

Forfeitures - Open:

The Open Forfeiture Report was presented. The chair invited comments or discussion; hearing none, the floor was opened for motions. Mr. Sturgeon moved to suspend those licensees whose forfeitures were not timely paid between May 12, 2006 and the June 9, 2006 regular board meeting. Mr. Oudin seconded. The Chair called for discussion; there was no discussion. The motion carried on unanimous voice vote.

Past Due Forfeitures:

The Past Due Forfeiture Report was presented for review. The Chair invited comment or discussion. Mr. Reed noted he had disbursed \$100,000 in payment of Liz and Stan's Bail Bonds judgments. After discussion of the matter, the Board proceeded.

In Re: Suspension of Holt Bonding Company, Inc.

The Board was provided a copy of the notice sent to Holt pursuant to statute advising of the consequences of failing to satisfy forfeiture judgments and replace the security deposit.

In Re: Suspension of Bill's Bail Bonds, Inc.

The Board was provided a copy of the notice sent to Bill's pursuant to statute advising of the consequences of failing to satisfy forfeiture judgments and replace the security deposit.

1 **NEW BUSINESS**

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3 **May Vouchers Paid**

4 A report of payments made in May was provided for information purposes. Chairman Smith
5 invited questions and/or discussion regarding the vouchers paid. There were no questions or
6 comments and the Board proceeded.
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8 **License Approvals:**

9 Nine (9) bondsman license applications and eight (8) tentative bondsman applications were
10 submitted for Board approval. Mr. Williams moved to approve those applications as presented,
11 pending receipt and approval of necessary documentation. Mr. Morris seconded. The Chair called
12 for discussion or comments; hearing none, the matter was put to a vote. The motion carried with
13 none opposed.
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15 **In Re: John Chism Bail Bonds, Inc.**

16 An application indicating change of ownership interests was submitted but was incomplete at the
17 time of preparation of the agenda. Mr. Reed advised the requested documents had been
18 anticipated prior to today's meeting but had not been submitted; therefore, it consideration of the
19 application would have to be delayed pending receipt of the requested information.
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21 **Hearings**

22 After a short break, Chairman Smith turned the floor over to Lynn Williams, sitting as Hearing
23 Officer, who conducted the following hearings.
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25 **APPBLB #06-029**

26 **In the Matter of: Manuel Bail Bond Co., Inc.**
27 **Request for Hearing and Interpretation of**
28 **Ark. Code Ann. §17-19-208(b)**
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31 **APPBLB #06-033**

32 **In Re: Larry Dawson**
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34 At the conclusion of the hearing, the Board resumed its business.
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36 **Public Comments:**

37 Chairman Smith opened the floor for public comments. There were no comments or discussion
38 and the meeting was adjourned.
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40 Submitted for approval: This 9th day of June 2006, _____
41 Don Smith, Chairman